THIS HOMEMADE dog puppet is an example of the many fine crafts which will be featured during this year's Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

Crafts display planned

With Christmas only two months away, many talented craftspeople are bringing their wares for your enjoyment and purchase during this year's festival.

Many selections are available as well as those bought in the past. Make your selections early as you browse all along Main and Harrell Streets.

Visitors, please register

The Information and Registration Booth is located on Main Street. The Appomattox Woman's Club is in charge of registration and they encourage everyone to come by to sign the guest book. Also, available at this booth will be brochures, additional copies of **The Depot Journal** and general information regarding the Festival.

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Hot air balloon to be featured at festival

Look! Up in the skies! It's a bird ... it's a plane ... no, it's the WSET-TV "Movin' Up Hot Air Balloon!"

Visitors to the Appomattox Railroad Festival will be able to see the hot air balloon inflate and take off over the area on Saturday morning about 9 a.m., weather permitting. The balloon, leased to WSET by owner/pilot Chip Dennis of "The Sky's The Limit, Inc." is the largest balloon normally available for commercial use. Brightly striped, the balloon stands seven stories high when inflated and carries two "Movin' Up 13" signs, each 16' x 40'.

There are many misconceptions about hot air balloons of this size. Janice Dexter, WSET promotion director in charge of scheduling the balloon, notes that "people think the balloon can take off at any time of day and travel wherever the pilot wishes to go – nothing could be further from the truth." Because of air currents caused by the sun heating up the earth during the day, the balloon can only safely be flown a few hours before sunset or after sunrise, and only rarely in the middle of the day. Threat of thunderstorms and wind velocity of over 10 mph also can keep the balloon from ascending. The balloon has absolutely no steering mechanism, and therefore is completely at the mercy of the winds for its direction.

The "Movin' Up 13" balloon is made available to community events and organizations at no charge to the event committees. Rides are not given in the balloon for several reasons: first, the balloon cannot be "tethered" and must therefore take off permanently after inflation, and secondly for insurance purposes.

Festival Contests Listed

CONTEST	SPONSOR & PRIZE	TIME
BEARD (Neat, full, length)	MELANIE'S SALON.....Free Trim	Saturday - 2:30 p.m.
FUNKY TENNIS SHOE (Old or new)	SHOE SHOW.....Gift Certificate	Sunday - 2:00 p.m.
BAKE OFF (Pies, cakes, breads)	MULLER'S BAKERY.....Ribbons	Sunday - 2:30 p.m.
DRESS (19th Century) (not in contest before)	RAILROAD FESTIVAL....Ribbons	Sunday - 3:00 p.m.
FOOTBALL THROWING (Ages 12 and under)	APPOMATTOX YOUTH ASSOC.... .....Ticket To High School Game	Sunday - 3:00 p.m.
PUMPKIN (Best looking)	FESTIVAL BOARD.....Candy	Sunday - 3:45 p.m.
STUDENT ART (Railroad Theme	FESTIVAL BOARD.....Ribbons	On Display
CHIPS (Guess How Much)	VIRGINIA FIBRE.....Cash	On Display

Firemen to compete here

The Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor the second Fireman's Competition for the Festival. This promises to be another fun-filled event for the weekend festivities.

This competition will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m., in the field on Court Street across from the Methodist Church.

There will be six categories of competition: Three Man Motor Booster and Ladder Contest; Bucket Brigade; One Man Hose Contest; Fill 'Er Up Contest; Barrell and Cable; and Four Man Ladder and Dressing Contest.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category.

There are six area fire departments entered in this competition, including the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department. The others are Lyn Dan Heights, Concord, South Boston, Brookneal, Prospect, and Rustburg.

Be sure to come out and cheer these guys on as they compete for the trophies and show their skill in the above area. This will be an event you will long remember!

Virginia products featured

A new addition to this year's Festival will be a section entitled "We Have It Made in Virginia." This will feature exhibits and sales not related to Arts and Crafts or concessions. These items must be new--not flea market types--and must be made or manufactured in the state of Virginia.

This section is to help promote the State Chamber of Commerce Slogan, "We Have It Made in Virginia."

This section will be in the front part of the parking lot beside Marshall's Department Store.

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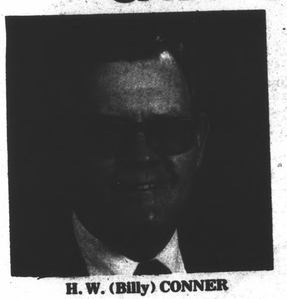

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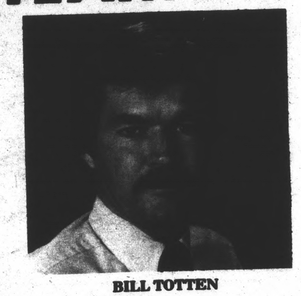

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